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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Putnam *et al.*

Application No.: 09/628,667

Group Art Unit: 2856

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Examiner: To be assigned

For: Sample Arrays and High Throughput  
Testing Thereof to Detect Interactions

Attorney Docket No.:  
10436-0010-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the amendments below and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, lines 4-9 delete:

--This application in a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 09/540,462 filed March 31, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/146,019, filed July 28, 1999 and 60/127,755, filed April 5, 1999, the entire contents of which continuation-in-part application and provisional applications are incorporated herein by reference. This application also claims the priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/146,019, filed July 28, 1999.-- and replace with the following paragraph:

“This application in a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 09/540,462 filed March 31, 2000, <sup>now abandoned</sup> incorporated herein by reference, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/127,755 filed April 5, 1999, incorporated herein by reference.”

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